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1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "National Sea Grant
- 3 College Program Act Amendments of 2001".
- 4 SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO FINDINGS AND OBJECTIVE.
- 5 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a)(6) of the National
- 6 Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)(6))
- 7 is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting
- 8 ", including strong collaborations between Administration
- 9 scientists and scientists at academic institutions.".
- 10 (b) Objective.—Section 202(b) of the National Sea
- 11 Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121(b)) is
- 12 amended by striking "and" before "multidisciplinary",
- 13 and by striking the period at the end and inserting ", and
- 14 the conservation and management of coastal and ocean re-
- 15 sources.".
- 16 SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL SEA
- 17 GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.
- 18 (a) Program Elements.—Section 204(b)(4) of the
- 19 National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C.
- 20 1123(b)(4)) is amended to read as follows:



1	"(4) the coastal ocean research program, a na-
2	tional competitive research program to support ac-
3	tivities designed to improve our understanding of
4	and ability to manage coastal and Great Lakes re-
5	sources and to promote partnerships between the na-
6	tional sea grant college program and other programs
7	within the Administration.".
8	(b) Functions of Director.—Section
9	204(d)(3)(B) of the National Sea Grant College Program
10	Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)(B)) is amended by striking
11	"and" after the semicolon at the end of clause (ii) and
12	by adding at the end the following:
13	"(iv) encourage and promote coordi-
14	nation and cooperation between the re-
15	search, education, and outreach programs
16	of the Administration and those of aca-
17	demic institutions; and".
18	SEC. 4. COST SHARE OF COASTAL OCEAN RESEARCH
19	GRANTS.
20	Section 205(a) of the National Sea Grant College
21	Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1124(a)) is amended by striking
22	"section $204(d)(6)$ " and inserting "section $204(e)(4)(F)$
23	and in the case of grants under subsection (a) of this sec-
24	tion to assist coastal and ocean research".



1	SEC. 5. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR SEA GRANT REVIEW
2	PANEL.
3	Section 209(c)(2) of the National Sea Grant College
4	Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1128(c)(2)) is amended by strik-
5	ing the first sentence and inserting the following: "The
6	term of office of a voting member of the panel shall be
7	3 years for a member appointed before the date of enact-
8	ment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act
9	Amendments of 2001, and 4 years for a member ap-
10	pointed or reappointed after the date of enactment of the
11	National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of
12	2001. The Director may extend the term of office of a
13	voting member of the panel appointed before the date of
14	enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act
15	Amendments of 2001 by up to 1 year.".
16	SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
17	(a) In General.—Subsections (a) and (b) of section
18	212 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33
19	U.S.C. 1131) are amended to read as follows:
20	"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—
21	"(1) In General.—There is authorized to be
22	appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this
23	title—
24	"(A) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;
25	"(B) \$77,500,000 for fiscal year 2005;
26	"(C) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;



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1	"(D) $\$82,500,000$ for fiscal year 2007 ;
2	and
3	"(E) $$85,000,000$ for fiscal year 2008.
4	"(2) Zebra mussel, oyster, and harmful
5	ALGAL BLOOM RESEARCH.—In addition to the
6	amount authorized under paragraph (1), there is au-
7	thorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years
8	2004 through 2008—
9	"(A) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for
10	university research on the zebra mussel biology
11	and control;
12	"(B) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for
13	university research on oyster diseases, oyster
14	restoration, and oyster-related human health
15	risks; and
16	"(C) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for
17	university research on the biology, prevention,
18	and forecasting of harmful algal blooms, includ-
19	ing Pfiesteria piscicida.
20	"(3) Coastal ocean research program.—
21	There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
22	retary to carry out the coastal ocean research pro-
23	gram under section 204(b)(4)—
24	"(A) \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;
25	"(B) \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 2005;



1	"(C) \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;
2	"(D) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
3	and
4	"(E) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.
5	"(b) Limitations.—
6	"(1) Administration.—There may not be
7	used for administration of programs under this title
8	in a fiscal year more than 5 percent of the lesser
9	of—
10	"(A) the amount authorized to be appro-
11	priated under this title for the fiscal year; or
12	"(B) the amount appropriated under this
13	title for the fiscal year.
14	"(2) Use for other offices or pro-
15	GRAMS.—Sums appropriated under the authority of
16	subsection (a)(2) shall not be available for adminis-
17	tration of this title by the National Sea Grant Of-
18	fice, for any other Administration or department
19	program, or for any other administrative expenses.".
20	(b) Repeal.—Such section is further amended by re-
21	pealing subsection (c) and redesignating subsections (d)
22	and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.



1 SEC. 7. ASSISTANCE FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL CON-

- 2 **SORTIUM.**
- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
- 4 make grants to an eligible Pacific Islands regional consor-
- 5 tium for activities necessary for the consortium to qualify
- 6 for designation as a sea grant college under section 207
- 7 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33
- 8 U.S.C. 1126).
- 9 (b) Eligible Consortium.—For purposes of sub-
- 10 section (a) the term "eligible Pacific Islands regional con-
- 11 sortium" means an association or alliance of institutions
- 12 that includes as members the College of the Marshall Is-
- 13 lands, the College of Micronesia-Federated States of Mi-
- 14 cronesia, Northern Marianas College, Palau Community
- 15 College, and the University of Guam.
- 16 (c) Distribution and Use of Grant Funds.—
- 17 Amounts provided as a grant under this section to an eligi-
- 18 ble Pacific Islands regional consortium shall be distributed
- 19 among the members of the consortium for use to develop
- 20 program elements required for the consortium to meet the
- 21 qualifications for designation as a sea grant college.
- 22 (d) Administrative and Technical Assist-
- 23 ANCE.—The Secretary of Commerce shall provide admin-
- 24 istrative and technical assistance to a grantee under this
- 25 section to assist the grantee in becoming designated as
- 26 a sea grant college.



1	(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
2	(1) In General.—In addition to the other
3	amounts authorized by this Act, to carry out this
4	section there is authorized to be appropriated to the
5	Secretary of Commerce \$2,700,000, of which—
6	(A) $\$2,5000,000$ shall be available for
7	grants under subsection (a); and
8	(B) \$200,000 shall be for administrative
9	expenses of the Secretary, including site visits
10	program reviews, and the provision of adminis-
11	trative and technical assistance.
12	(2) Continuing availability.—Amounts ap-
13	propriated under this section may remain available
14	until expended.

